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**Erin Brockovich**

1. In the opening scene, Erin Brockovich is at a job interview. Describe three details about her life that she reveals in the opening scene:

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1. Erin Brokovich is hires a lawyer in order to sue the person who hit her car. Is this a civil or criminal case? How do you know?

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1. Who is the **plaintiff?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The **defendant?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What mistake does Erin make at the trial? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you think it is appropriate for Erin to beg the lawyer for a job? Would you do the same thing if you were in Erin’s shoes?

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1. What initially sparks Erin’s interest with the pro Bono Hinkley case (the real estate case)?

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1. Why do you think PG & E pick up the entire medical bill for Donna Jensen’s family?

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1. Where else does Erin go in order to find answers to questions she has about the case?

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1. Do you think that Erin’s boss would be able to dig up the same information that Erin does? What characteristics does Erin have that make her a good researcher?

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1. Why was Erin fired? What did her boss assume about her?

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1. How does the first meeting between PG & E’s lawyer and Erin’s boss go?

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1. Tom and Mandy Robinson visit Erin while she is reading files late into the evening. How has chromium impacted their lives?

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1. Why does Erin’s son, Matthew, get mad at his mom? Would you be upset, too?

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1. Why do the group of people from Hinkley finally agree to sign the civil suit?

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1. George says, “Erin, it doesn’t have to be so complicated. There are plenty of other jobs out there!” Why is George upset about Erin’s job?

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1. Erin calls out the boy who works at the water board. She says, “Do you get paid to cover peoples’ asses?” Do you think that he has a civic responsibility to look through the files and stick up for the people of Hinkley? Or is doing his job
2. Erin misses Beth’s first word, “Ball”. Has Erin become a bad mother due to her job? Explain.

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1. Explain how the chromium affected the environment.

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1. Erin says part of the reason she likes her job is because she gets “respect she never had before.” Do you think Erin deserves that respect? Explain.

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1. If you had worked for PG & E, would you have had the courage to do what the stranger in the bar did? Would you have done something about the contamination?

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1. What role do you feel citizens play in environmental and public policy issues?

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1. What regulatory agency would be involved in preventing more cases like this one?

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